

# **ECONOMIC INDICATORS** QUEENSLAND

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## **MAJOR KEY POINTS**

### **AUSTRALIA**

#### **NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**

- The trend estimate of GDP(A), at average 1989-90 prices, in September quarter 1994 was \$102,559m, increasing 5.8% from September quarter 1993 and 1.2% from June quarter 1994.

#### **BALANCE OF PAYMENTS**

- Balance of payments for January 1995 showed a trend estimate for the current account deficit of \$2,261m, an increase in the deficit of \$46m from December 1994.

#### **COMPOSITE LEADING INDICATOR**

- The ABS experimental composite leading indicator fell, for the second consecutive quarter, in December 1994, which typically precedes a shift in the trend growth of GDP(A) back towards its historical long-term growth rate.

### **QUEENSLAND**

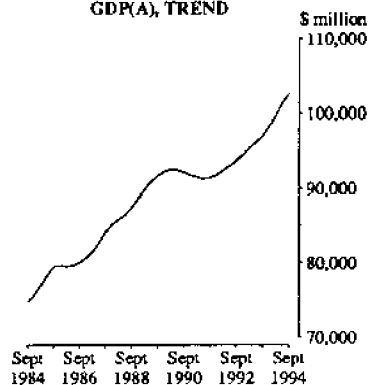
#### **LABOUR FORCE**

- The trend estimate of employed persons in February 1995 was 1,481,900, an increase of 0.4% from January 1995, and continuing strong growth in employment in Queensland.
- The trend estimate of the unemployment rate in February 1995 was 8.6%, unchanged from January 1995 and the lowest rate since August 1990, and continuing a fall from a peak of 10.8% in August and September 1993.
- The trend estimate of the participation rate in February 1995 was 64.4%, increasing from 64.3% in January 1995 and from 63.9% in February 1994.

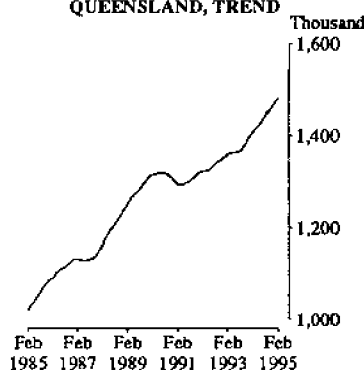
#### **BUILDING APPROVALS**

- The trend estimate of total dwelling unit approvals in January 1995 was 3,617, a decrease of 4.9% from December 1994 and falling sharply from a peak in June 1994.

**GDP(A), TREND**



**EMPLOYMENT,  
QUEENSLAND, TREND**



## **INQUIRIES**

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# ECONOMIC INDICATORS NOTES

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## CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

This is the first issue of *Economic Indicators, Queensland* in this new format. Content has been expanded to include recently available series and trend estimates.

The ABS has chosen to focus on trend estimates as the best means of discerning the underlying behaviour in the time series.

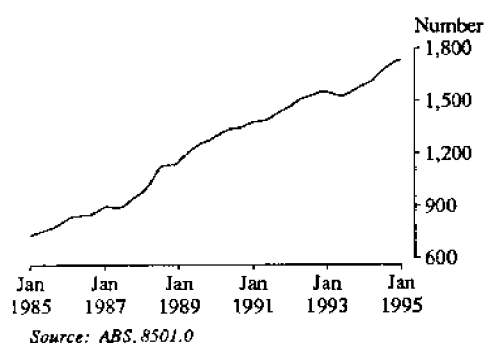
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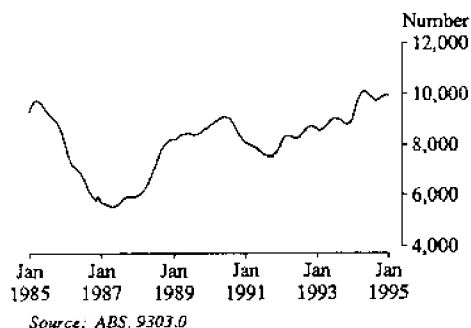
## MAIN FEATURES

### RETAIL TURNOVER



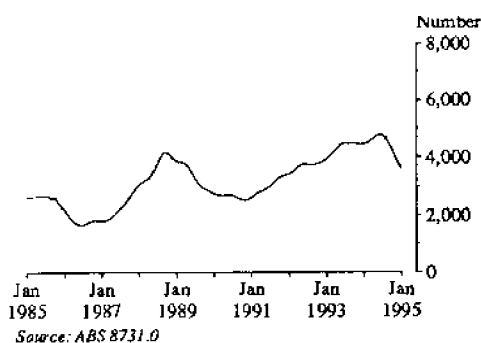
The trend estimate of retail trade turnover in January 1995 was \$1,734.7m, increasing 9.0% from January 1994 and 0.3% from December 1994.

### MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS



The trend estimate of total motor vehicle registrations in January 1995 was 9,944, a decrease of 0.2% from December 1994 and falling from a peak of 10,135 registrations in May 1994.

### BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION



The trend estimate of total dwelling unit approvals in January 1995 was 3,617, a decrease of 4.9% from December 1994 and falling sharply from a peak in June 1994.

The estimate (original terms) of the total value of all building approved in January 1995 was \$397.9m, an increase of 8.2% from January 1994 but a decrease of 2.5% from December 1994; in January 1995 the value of dwelling units approved was \$249.7m, a decrease of 9.8% from December 1994, while the value of non-residential buildings approved was \$133.4m, an increase of 17.3% from December 1994.

## BALANCE OF PAYMENTS.....

Month	Merchandise exports	Merchandise imports	Balance on merchandise trade	Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	Net income and unrequited transfers
TREND (\$ million)						
<b>1994</b>						
October	5 373	-5 998	-625	-692	-2 083	..
November	5 384	-6 072	-688	-769	-2 147	..
December	5 391	-6 140	-749	-843	-2 215	..
<b>1995</b>						
January	5 398	-6 183	-785	-889	-2 261	..

## TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

<b>1995</b>						
January	2.0	16.9	..	..	..	..

## ORIGINAL (\$ million)

<b>1994</b>						
October	5 744	-6 262	-518	-590	-2 009	-1 236
November	5 720	-6 674	-954	-1 017	-2 417	-1 227
December	5 460	-5 918	-458	-422	-1 669	-1 018
<b>1995</b>						
January	4 882	-5 788	-906	-886	-2 431	-1 325

## ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

<b>1995</b>						
January	3.9	20.8	..	..	..	-2.0

## FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA.....

EXCHANGE RATE LEVELS<sup>1</sup>.....

Month	Official \$m	Non-official \$m	Net foreign debt \$m	\$US/\$A	Yen/\$A	Trade-weighted index <sup>2</sup>
<b>1994</b>						
March	66 662	306 361	167 849	0.7078	76.18	52.1
June	62 463	307 799	163 237	0.7246	74.81	53.0
September	63 636	310 424	162 241	0.7389	73.22	53.4
December	71 558	292 947	162 300	0.7554	74.69	56.2

## % CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

<b>1994</b>						
December	11.1	-4.5	-5.6	13.4	3.2	..

<sup>1</sup> Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.<sup>2</sup> Base: May 1970=100.0

AUSTRALIA—NATIONAL ACCOUNTS<sup>1</sup>

	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital expenditure		Exports of goods and services	Imports of goods and services	Gross non-farm product— income based	Gross domestic product— income based
Quarter	Private	Government	Private	Public				
TREND (\$ million)								
1993								
December	59 160	16 892	15 452	4 468	21 072	18 793	94 519	98 338
1994								
March	59 882	17 241	16 092	4 644	21 559	19 440	95 931	99 743
June	60 605	17 468	16 926	4 839	21 959	20 434	97 849	101 499
September	61 244	17 436	17 745	5 001	22 204	21 512	99 568	102 948

## TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

1994								
September	4.6	4.6	18.0	12.5	8.3	16.7	7.8	5.7

## ORIGINAL (\$ million)

1993								
December	62 559	16 859	16 608	4 366	21 842	18 952	98 744	105 566
1994								
March	57 374	16 605	15 051	3 419	21 246	18 581	92 398	95 297
June	59 525	17 770	17 373	5 897	21 763	19 776	97 228	99 839
September	61 691	17 705	17 721	4 717	21 855	22 951	99 751	102 726

## ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

1994								
September	5.8	4.8	16.9	20.0	7.9	17.9	6.6	6.6

AUSTRALIA—NATIONAL ACCOUNTS<sup>1</sup>

	Gross domestic product – average	Composite leading indicator <sup>2</sup> ...	Company profits
Quarter	\$m	Deviation from long-term trend	\$m
.....TREND.....			
1994			
March	99 767	..	5 733
June	101 370	..	6 204
September	102 559	..	6 572
December	..	..	6 750

## TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

1994						
September	5.8		..		34.9	
December	..		..		27.2	

## ORIGINAL

1994						
March	95 229		0.91		4 891	
June	99 865		1.16		5 290	
September	102 432		1.11		7 091	
December	..		0.80		8 095	

## ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

1994						
September	7.1		..		32.7	
December	..		..		31.3	

<sup>1</sup> At average 1989-90 prices<sup>2</sup> See explanatory note: 6, page 17



# ECONOMIC INDICATORS—Queensland

	FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE.....		GROSS FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		STATE FINAL DEMAND	GROSS STATE PRODUCT— INCOME BASED	COMPANY PROFITS
Quarter	Private	Government	Private	Public			
TREND (\$ million)							
1993							
December	9 654	2 496	2 839	910	15 899	16 069	5 307
1994							
March	9 776	2 570	2 990	955	16 291	16 354	5 733
June	9 920	2 616	3 260	1 036	16 832	16 696	6 204
September	10 073	2 637	3 536	1 102	17 348	17 005	6 572
TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)							
1994							
September	5.2	6.4	26.1	18.2	9.9	7.1	34.9
ORIGINAL (\$ million)							
1993							
December	10 300	2 507	3 032	937	16 776	16 196	6 164
1994							
March	9 289	2 422	3 372	129	15 212	16 314	4 891
June	9 731	2 649	3 235	1 277	16 892	16 609	5 290
September	10 128	2 660	3 606	996	17 390	17 157	7 091
ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)							
1994							
September	6.0	2.9	26.9	16.8	9.8	9.4	32.7
PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.....							
	Building and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery		Total		
TREND (\$ million)							
1993							
December	360		644		1 004		
1994							
March	399		676		1 075		
June	428		736		1 164		
September	434		808		1 243		
TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)							
1994							
September	36.0		27.1		30.1		
ORIGINAL (\$ million)							
1993							
December	349		641		990		
1994							
March	430		649		1 080		
June	388		742		1 129		
September	431		769		1 201		
ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)							
1994							
September	50.6		25.4		33.4		



# ECONOMIC INDICATORS—Queensland *continued*

NEW BUSINESS NAME REGISTRATIONS <sup>1</sup>		BANKRUPTCIES <sup>2</sup>	INTERSTATE TRADE.....	
			Exports	Imports
Quarter	No.	No.	\$m	\$m
.....				
<b>1994</b>				
March	155 603	671	1 118	2 677
June	160 862	614	1 122	2 926
September	166 395	613	1 230	3 177
December	..	620	..	..
.....				
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR				
<b>1994</b>				
September	9.8	-8.8	5.2	15.7
December	..	-0.8	..	..

FOREIGN TRADE.....		
	Exports	Imports
Month	\$m	\$m
.....		
<b>1994</b>		
September	1 120	691
October	1 167	683
November	1 082	663
December	959	628
.....		
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR		
<b>1994</b>		
December	11.4	-5.3

<sup>1</sup> Source: Queensland Emergency Services.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.

# PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION

## AUSTRALIA—INDEXES OF MANUFACTURING GROSS PRODUCT<sup>1</sup>

Quarter	Food, beverages and tobacco	Chemicals, petroleum and coal	Basic metal products	Fabricated metal products	Transport equipment	All groups
TREND (\$ million)						
<b>1993</b>						
December	119.7	113.2	109.8	87.4	102.4	107.0
<b>1994</b>						
March	122.0	115.3	110.6	88.8	110.1	110.4
June	126.0	116.0	111.6	90.2	116.9	113.4
September	129.6	116.7	112.5	91.5	121.4	115.8
TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)						
<b>1994</b>						
September	9.8	6.5	3.3	5.9	26.1	11.2
ORIGINAL (\$ million)						
<b>1993</b>						
December	127.4	114.8	114.1	90.9	101.1	111.8
<b>1994</b>						
March	118.2	111.3	103.7	84.4	100.7	104.6
June	122.3	118.7	112.5	88.6	127.9	113.5
September	130.5	117.9	114.4	93.7	123.3	118.5
ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)						
<b>1994</b>						
September	11.2	5.6	6.2	4.5	19.6	12.3

## QUEENSLAND

### SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION

Quarter	MINERAL PRODUCTION				MINERAL EXPLOR- ATION \$m	LICENSED HOTELS, MOTELS WITH FACILITIES				SELF CONTAINED UNITS, FLATS AND HOUSES			
	Black coal (saleable) <sup>2</sup>	Copper	Gold	Total		Rooms available	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate	Takings from accom- modation	Units available	Unit nights occupied	Unit occupancy rate	Takings from accom- modation
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	\$m		'000	'000	%	\$m	'000	'000	%	\$m
<b>1993</b>													
December	21 726	53.0	7.8	1 331.0	39.6	40.1	2 311	62.6	203.4	16.6	902	59.1	54.1
<b>1994</b>													
March	20 066	57.4	8.3	1 275.0	30.2	40.1	2 141	59.4	190.6	16.3	863	58.8	55.7
June	21 441	..	..	..	37.0	40.2	2 202	60.2	190.5	16.7	768	50.7	42.8
September	24 898	..	..	..	..	40.4	2 556	68.9	222.6	17.4	1 138	71.2	66.6
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR													
<b>1994</b>													
June	6.3	..	..	..	22.5	0.6	6.1	5.4	13.8	5.5	5.7	0.4	11.9
September	11.3	..	..	..	..	0.9	5.6	4.9	13.9	7.3	7.1	-0.1	15.9

<sup>1</sup> At average 1989-90 prices. Base: 1989-90=100.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Queensland Coal Board.



# PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION *continued*

## QUEENSLAND—SELECTED PRODUCTION.....

	<i>Ready-mixed concrete</i>	<i>Electricity generated</i>	<i>Clay bricks</i>	<i>Beef and veal</i>	<i>Wheaten flour</i>
<i>Month</i>	'000 cu m	m kWh	'000	'000 tonnes	tonnes
<b>1994</b>					
October	445.3	2 834.0	32 359	61.3	19 294
November	449.6	2 810.2	33 915	63.2	20 765
December	338.7	2 785.1	26 287	50.2	17 467
<b>1995</b>					
January	328.2	2 825.0	24 271	31.8	17 387
<b>% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR</b>					
<b>1995</b>					
January	6.5	2.6	7.8	-17.0	1.9

## QUEENSLAND.....

### RETAIL TRADE TURNOVER

### NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS<sup>1</sup>

		<i>Passenger vehicles</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Month</i>	\$m	No.	No.
<b>TREND</b>			
<b>1994</b>			
October	1 710.5	7 616	9 810
November	1 719.9	7 703	9 911
December	1 728.7	7 763	9 968
<b>1995</b>			
January	1 734.7	7 768	9 944
<b>TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)</b>			
<b>1994</b>			
December	9.1	11.8	12.4
<b>1995</b>			
January	9.0	9.2	9.4
<b>ORIGINAL</b>			
<b>1994</b>			
October	1 733.8	8 375	10 762
November	1 762.0	7 462	9 910
December	2 253.6	8 540	10 918
<b>1995</b>			
January	1 693.2	5 944	7 356
<b>ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)</b>			
<b>1994</b>			
December	5.8	13.9	15.9
<b>1995</b>			
January	11.4	2.9	-0.2

<sup>1</sup> Excluding motor cycles, mobile equipment and trailers.



# LABOUR FORCE AND DEMOGRAPHY—Queensland

Month	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				PARTICIPATION RATE.....		
	Males	Females	Persons	Persons aged 15 to 19 years	Males	Females	Persons
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

## TREND

<b>1994</b>							
November	8.9	8.7	8.8	..	74.5	54.0	64.2
December	8.8	8.6	8.7	..	74.5	54.2	64.2
<b>1995</b>							
January	8.7	8.5	8.6	..	74.4	54.4	64.3
February	8.6	8.5	8.6	..	74.4	54.5	64.4

## ORIGINAL

<b>1994</b>							
November	8.4	8.2	8.3	22.8	74.1	54.5	64.2
December	8.3	8.3	8.3	25.4	75.2	54.4	64.7
<b>1995</b>							
January	9.5	8.8	9.2	26.6	74.3	52.6	63.4
February	9.6	10.0	9.7	29.3	75.0	55.4	65.1

Month	EMPLOYED PERSONS.....			UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....			PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE	
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total		

Month	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
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## TREND ('000)

<b>1994</b>								
November	754.5	356.0	..	..	1 462.7	82.0	59.4	141.4
December	756.8	353.3	..	..	1 469.5	81.3	59.0	140.3
<b>1995</b>								
January	759.2	350.7	..	..	1 476.1	80.7	58.9	139.5
February	761.4	348.1	..	..	1 481.9	80.2	58.8	139.0

## TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

<b>1995</b>								
February	4.8	1.4	..	..	5.3	-11.4	-9.4	-10.6

## ORIGINAL ('000)

<b>1994</b>								
November	756.1	358.3	84.4	272.6	1 471.5	77.0	56.6	133.5
December	766.2	359.3	89.5	272.3	1 487.3	77.7	56.8	134.5
<b>1995</b>								
January	759.8	344.9	77.1	263.7	1 445.6	87.6	58.8	146.5
February	759.4	354.2	87.1	280.0	1 480.6	89.5	70.4	159.9

## ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

<b>1995</b>								
February	5.5	3.6	-2.9	14.6	6.0	-10.4	-3.2	-7.4



# LABOUR FORCE AND DEMOGRAPHY—Queensland *continued*

## INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYED PERSONS.....

	Mining	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	Transport and storage	Finance and insurance	Property and business services	Government administration and defence	Education	Health and community services	Other	Total
Quarter	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>1994</b>													
February	17.3	165.7	130.6	305.8	72.3	69.6	48.2	117.3	57.5	99.7	117.2	194.8	1 396.0
May	17.3	176.4	130.8	312.5	72.0	71.9	45.4	123.5	54.2	99.5	118.9	200.8	1 423.2
August	13.6	174.9	142.6	300.9	77.0	75.5	41.7	127.8	45.8	98.7	126.5	208.7	1 433.7
November	13.2	180.9	142.7	306.7	76.1	79.5	44.1	134.8	50.7	96.9	127.7	218.1	1 471.5

## % CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

<b>1994</b>													
November	-18.5	6.7	14.0	0.8	12.6	11.8	0.2	24.7	-22.2	-6.9	12.2	12.3	6.4

## EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS.....

### PRIVATE

### GOVERNMENT.....

	Total	Commonwealth	State	Local	Total
Month	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>1994</b>					
March	694.0	44.9	192.9	33.7	271.5
April	679.7	45.1	194.6	33.4	273.1
May	685.6	44.7	192.7	33.7	271.1
June	687.7	44.8	197.5	33.5	275.9

## % CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

<b>1994</b>					
June	4.1	-4.3	-1.2	-5.6	-2.2

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS<sup>1</sup>....

## JOB VACANCIES

## OVERTIME.....

	Males	Females		Average weekly hours per employer
Quarter	\$	\$	'000	Hours
<b>1994</b>				
February	615.60	515.80	6.4	0.97
May	616.90	516.00	6.1	1.29
August	610.20	530.50	12.8	1.31
November	622.30	525.90	9.4	1.25

## % CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR

<b>1994</b>				
August	1.1	3.6	82.9	26.0
November	1.4	3.2	49.5	-0.8

<sup>1</sup> Full-time adult ordinary time.

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION		POPULATION GROWTH DURING PERIOD.....			
		Natural increase	Net estimated interstate migration	Net estimated overseas migration	Total
Quarter	'000	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>1993</b>					
September	3 138.1	6 551	13 244	2 309	22 104
December	3 155.2	6 095	11 019	—	17 114
<b>1994</b>					
March	3 177.9	5 940	14 052	2 703	22 695
June	3 196.9	7 605	10 751	647	19 003
<b>% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR</b>					
1994 June	2.6	10.1	-4.3	.	10.5

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AT 30 JUNE.....					
	Brisbane <sup>1</sup>	Moreton <sup>1</sup>	Wide Bay-Burnett <sup>1</sup>	Far North <sup>1</sup>	Queensland
Year	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1990	1 330.9	471.3	189.7	179.4	2 899.3
1991	1 358.0	489.6	195.6	181.4	2 961.0
1992	1 387.3	510.4	201.5	185.5	3 032.8
1993	1 421.6	533.7	209.3	190.5	3 116.2

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES		AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES <sup>1</sup>		SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS MOVEMENT	
		FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES		ARRIVALS	DEPARTURES
		Males	Females		
Month	Working days lost '000	Index No.	Index No.	'000	'000
<b>1994</b>					
August	13.0	141.7	143.7	109.4	119.6
September	3.8	141.7	143.7	111.5	112.0
October	16.2	141.8	143.9	121.3	111.4
November	17.8	141.9	143.9	113.1	114.7
December	..	141.9	143.9	129.7	122.8
<b>% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR</b>					
1994 November	.	1.3	1.6	3.1	11.0
December	.	1.0	1.5	12.1	8.1

<sup>1</sup> Statistical Division<sup>1</sup> Base: June 1985 = 100.0



# BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION—Queensland

## BUILDING APPROVALS.....

### TREND..... ORIGINAL.....

	New houses	Total dwelling units	New houses	New other residential buildings	Total dwelling units	Value of dwelling units approved	Value of non-residential buildings approved	Value of all building approved
Month	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1994</b>								
October	2 892	4 254	2 931	1 250	4 181	356.4	213.8	593.2
November	2 805	4 024	3 015	1 382	4 397	369.4	148.7	543.3
December	2 718	3 805	2 290	916	3 206	276.9	113.7	408.0
<b>1995</b>								
January	2 640	3 617	2 073	724	2 797	249.7	133.4	397.9

### % CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

<b>1995</b>								
January	-14.4	-19.1	-17.7	-30.7	-21.5	-14.7	117.8	8.2

## DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS..... ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION

	New houses	New other residential buildings	Value of all dwelling units commenced	Value of non-residential buildings commenced	Value of work commenced	Value of work done
Quarter	No.	No.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1993</b>						
December	9 140	4 500	1 121	369.0	596.0	716.7
<b>1994</b>						
March	8 054	3 720	995	531.1	620.2	599.5
June	9 229	4 386	1 182	421.9	700.0	758.2
September	9 684	5 110	1 361	389.2	1 019.0	777.4

### % CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

<b>1994</b>						
September	3.8	8.1	21.4	14.3	28.6	6.6

## PRICE INDEXES

## AUSTRALIA.....

Articles produced by manufacturing industry<sup>1</sup>..... Materials used in manufacturing industry<sup>2</sup> Export<sup>3</sup> Import<sup>3</sup>

Month	Food, beverages and tobacco	Basic metal products	Petroleum and coal products	Transport equipment	Fabricated metal products	All groups	Imported	Home produced	All materials	All groups	All groups
1994											
September	121.2	102.1	115.1	120.2	114.4	116.3	132.1	120.7	124.6	91.0	113.2
October	121.5	104.0	116.7	120.3	114.8	116.8	133.6	120.6	125.1	92.7	113.4
November	122.0	105.5	118.0	120.5	114.9	117.3	134.0	120.6	125.3	92.7	112.7
December	121.9	106.5	115.7	120.3	115.8	117.3	132.6	120.3	124.5	92.4	110.6

## % CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1994											
November	1.2	5.4	-12.6	1.6	0.3	1.3	-0.9	-0.4	-0.6	-0.9	-4.7
December	1.2	6.6	-7.7	1.2	1.0	1.6	-0.7	1.1	0.4	-0.8	-5.6

## BRISBANE.....

## QUEENSLAND.....

Consumer price index<sup>3</sup>..... Established house<sup>1</sup> Prices received by farmers<sup>4</sup> Prices paid by farmers<sup>4</sup> Farmers terms of trade<sup>4</sup>

Quarter	Food	Housing	Transportation	All groups	Established house <sup>1</sup>	Prices received by farmers <sup>4</sup>	Prices paid by farmers <sup>4</sup>	Farmers terms of trade <sup>4</sup>
1994								
March	111.2	100.1	112.0	110.8	139.3	101.5	120.3	84.4
June	110.2	100.7	113.8	111.5	139.3	101.8	120.5	84.5
September	110.7	101.1	115.8	112.5	139.3	110.0	120.5	91.2
December	111.0	104.0	115.4	113.7	140.0	110.5	120.7	91.5

## % CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1994								
September	1.2	0.7	3.6	2.4	2.4	9.3	1.3	7.9
December	0.8	4.2	2.8	3.2	1.8	10.0	1.0	8.8

## BRISBANE.....

Material used in house building<sup>5</sup>..... Materials used in building other than house building<sup>6</sup>.....

Month	All groups	Structural steel	Ready-mixed concrete	All groups
1994				
September	154.0	123.1	116.8	111.7
October	154.8	123.1	116.9	111.9
November	155.9	126.5	116.3	112.2
December	156.0	127.9	115.4	112.7

## % CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1994				
December	2.6	8.6	1.5	2.5

<sup>1</sup> Base: 1988-89=100.0<sup>2</sup> Base: 1984-85=100.0<sup>3</sup> Base: 1989-90=100.0<sup>4</sup> Base: 1987-88=100.0<sup>5</sup> Base: 1985-86=100.0<sup>6</sup> Base: 1979-80=100.0



## BANKING AND FINANCE

### QUEENSLAND—ALL BANKS<sup>1</sup>.....

### QUEENSLAND—BUILDING SOCIETIES.....

#### DEPOSITS.....

#### LOANS.....

#### LENDING OPERATIONS.....

	Term	Other <sup>2</sup>	Total	Other lending <sup>3</sup>	Loans advanced	Lending commitments unused	Receipts	Withdrawals
Month	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1994</b>								
September	14 562	17 596	32 158	38 457	153.4	227.0	1 815.2	1 869.0
October	15 400	17 335	32 735	39 080	144.3	215.1	1 850.4	1 812.1
November	15 645	17 230	32 875	39 731	142.6	215.1	1 890.0	1 865.2
December	15 848	17 378	33 226	40 383	144.4	195.5	2 031.0	2 029.0

#### % CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

<b>1994</b>								
December	18.0	4.7	10.6	19.3	-8.4	1.4	12.8	15.4

### QUEENSLAND—FINANCE COMMITMENTS.....

#### PERSONAL.....

#### COMMERCIAL.....

#### LEASE

	All banks	Credit cooperatives	Finance companies	Other	Total	All banks	Finance companies	Other	Total	Total
Month	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1994</b>										
September	289.9	36.1	87.9	11.9	425.7	770.5	136.5	70.2	995.6	109.9
October	271.3	34.4	89.9	17.1	412.8	841.2	172.3	65.2	1 078.7	119.2
November	302.4	38.7	94.9	13.8	449.7	988.6	170.3	63.2	1 232.2	119.6
December	293.9	35.3	89.3	13.1	431.6	904.9	236.0	74.9	1 215.8	123.3

#### % CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

<b>1994</b>										
December	-0.3	0.2	6.6	13.9	1.5	-5.3	45.1	32.6	3.5	23.8

### QUEENSLAND—HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION.....

### AUSTRALIA—INTEREST RATES

	All banks	Permanent building societies	Other lenders	Total	Housing loans for owner occupation
Month	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	%
<b>1994</b>					
September	644.5	121.9	15.5	782.0	9.50
October	605.7	109.0	16.6	731.4	9.50
November	661.1	116.8	14.7	792.6	9.55
December	588.2	100.5	14.7	703.4	10.50

#### % CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

<b>1994</b>					
December	-8.8	-17.6	-1.1	-10.0	

<sup>1</sup> Source: Reserve Bank of Australia

<sup>2</sup> Including certificates of deposit.

Excluding non-resident lending



## BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS

AUSTRALIA..... QUEENSLAND

Quarter	Trading performance.....			Investment.....		Employment	Operating expenses	International trade ...		Sales
	Sales	Selling prices	Profit	Capital	Stocks			Imports	Exports	

### SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK—EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE FROM THE PREVIOUS QUARTER (%)

<b>1994</b>										
December	2.3	0.6	10.6	7.7	0.0	0.5	1.3	0.9	2.2	2.2
<b>1995</b>										
March	-0.5	0.6	-7.7	1.5	0.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.7	0.6	-0.5

### MEDIUM-TERM OUTLOOK—EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE FROM THE CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR (%)

<b>1995</b>										
September	4.1	2.1	20.9	15.7	0.6	1.1	2.4	4.1	5.2	3.4
December	3.3	1.8	15.1	1.0	0.6	0.6	2.1	2.9	1.7	2.3

AUSTRALIA.....

Period	New buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery		Total
	\$m		\$m		\$m
<b>Dec 1994–June 1995</b>	4 466		10 484		14 950
<b>1993–94</b>	8 000		20 000		30 000
<b>1994–95</b>	9 046		24 095		33 141



# EXPLANATORY NOTES

## INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains latest estimates for a comprehensive range of economic indicators. Statistics shown in this publication are the latest available at the date of preparation and may be subject to revision in subsequent issues. In a number of cases figures appearing in this publication are preliminary and are subject to revision in subsequent issues. Reference should therefore always be made to the latest issue or to the statistical publication on the specific subject.

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**3** The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular components of the seasonally adjusted series and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time.

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**9** Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between totals and sums of the component items.

## SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.a.	not available
n.y.a.	not yet available
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero





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